

ACHIEVEMENT

Once again, the AARA can be proud of a successful Hamfest. The efforts of many produced a great event enjoyed by all, even with inclement weather. Great Job Everyone !!!!

The club has undergone some changes since this time last year. We acquired the Lydia repeater and commissioned the 443.000 repeater. We have established a club station at the Red Cross and upgraded our equipment with two additional generators and AMOS II. The antenna trailer has also undergone additional upgrades. Several members are working to strengthen ARES throughout Region 4 and have made significant progress in doing so, and every Acadiana ARES Net Controller is an AARA member.

The club has also established additional club activities like the Tour Du Teche Special Event and Winter Field Day, and we look to do more in the future. We have a Facebook page and a YouTube page for all to enjoy posts and videos related to the AARA, AARA events, and Amateur Radio in general.

Members have also worked in support of the Lafayette Science Museum, assisting with educating the general public about Amateur Radio, and have welcomed many new members to the AARA.

The club is expanding, the equipment is more reliable, and the activities are numerous. It is a great time for the AARA. Thanks to everyone for your contribution.

Mark
W5GTI
AARA President

HAMFEST WINNERS

FRIDAY

Grand Prize - Yaesu FT-1XDR - Scott Menard N5MEG
2nd Prize - Baofeng UV-5R - Jessie Tilghman W5JQZ
3rd Prize - Tigertronics SignaLink USB - Frank Krize K5SVC
4th Prize - ARRL Antenna Handbook - Steve Webre AF5VR
5th Prize - MFJ Speaker - Frank Krize K5SVC

SATURDAY

Grand Prize - Kenwood TS-590SG - Paul Kleinpeter KE5ASZ
2nd Prize - MFJ-269C Antenna Analyzer - Tom Dischler W5OHJ
3rd Prize - ARRL Annual Membership - John Cunniff W4HVV
4th Prize - Baofeng UV-5R - Joanna Keller KD5NLU
5th Prize - Tigertronics SignaLink USB - Frank Krize K5SVC
6th Prize - MFJ Speaker - Steve Webre AF5VR



Photo KF5FNP

The main prize, the Kenwood TS-590SG, was donated by Kenwood. Richard Lenoir of MTC pulled the winning raffle ticket, making Paul KE5ASZ a VERY HAPPY ham. Tammy and Richard from MTC presented Paul with his new TS-590SG. On QRZ.com you can see his new rig getting a cat scan. Congratulations Paul!

- Glen KF5FNP

APRIL 2016 AARA GENERAL MEETING

The AARA will hold it's April General Club meeting on April 7, 2016 at 7PM at the Red Cross Building, on 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, Louisiana. Board meeting and VE testing at 6PM.

All AARA members are encouraged to attend.

AARA March General Meeting Minutes

3 MARCH 2016

Abbi KF5BEW

The AARA general meeting was called to order by President Mark Saltzman, W5GTI

Herman Campbell KN5GRK opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF recited pledge in French.

Introductions were made by each member present, stating call sign and what was done in ham radio over the past month.

February minutes were published in the LARC. Motion to accept minutes as published was motioned by Priscilla Cooley K5PCL, seconded by Derek Meche WM5TS. All approved.

Treasurer report was given by Archie Hill W5AG. Motion to accept report by Jess Gillion KF5LUL and seconded by Sandy KE5KJF. All approved.

AMOS II communications trailer was then discussed. The AMOS II committee was acknowledged and thanked for their effort in acquiring trailer. Galen Wilson KF5BET was asked to briefly describe the trailer and how it handled towing back from Alabama. Motion was made by Jess KF5LUL to officially name the trailer AMOS II, Phoebe Gaudet KC5VRN seconded. Motion was approved. Decals are being printed to apply to the sides of the trailer.

Old Business:

T-shirts are now in and delivered at this meeting. There are a few extra shirts available. See Sandy KE5KJF if interested.

New member packet is still being worked on. Hopefully will be ready by next meeting.

Certificate of Appreciation is still being worked on. Hopefully will be ready by next meeting.

New officer elections were held at last month's meeting. Installation will occur March 19, 2016 at the hamfest banquet located at the Red Cross Building. Club will provide main entree and members will provide covered dish sides and desserts. Larry and Sandy will pick up the

main entrée. Banquet to be held at 6:00 pm motion made by Ralph Gaudet WB5GAF, seconded by Jess KF5LUL. All approved.

Hamfest committee gave report on updated activities. We have major vendors coming in. Tables are still available, please let Galen KF5BEW know. Crawfish orders are up to 70, which is above last year. Tables left are from vendors not from individuals. There are people that have been contacted to come in and fill these tables. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP handed flyers at Orange. Dave Redfearn N4ELM stated Elecrafft will be needing volunteers to help at the table. The test table will also need volunteers. Volunteers will also be needed to unload and load vendors as they come in. Larry KE5KJD was asked about the wattmeter decision and stated the wattmeter that fits the need for the club is a Diawa. If it is available at the hamfest, the club will pick it up there. This purchase has already been approved at a prior meeting. Glen KF5FNP stated we have sent all new Techs across the state a flier for the hamfest. Derek WM5TS asked about PSA on radio or TV. If someone would like to spearhead this, please do so.

Keith Barnes W5KB discussed the DXpedition of David Assaf II W5XU and how he will be coming to the hamfest and giving a presentation on the trip to South Sandwich and South Georgia Islands. The raffle drum has been rebuilt by Glenn Breau KD5NVC. Signs will be printed by Paul McCasland N5KNY. HiQ Sweets is ready. Thanks to Phoebe KC5VRN who was able to get all of the coffee donated. Club members are to bring all desserts. The band will not be coming this year. We will have a DJ. There is talk about getting a new band for next year.

Weston Hebert KB5WI has everything setup for Bingo and will be retiring from Bingo after this year. He has been running Bingo for 31 years. Thanks Weston.

Tower Donation by Acadiana Computing Systems

The budget for removing the tower and transporting it to Lafayette was set at \$500. The company has requested that AARA sign an indemnity release before allowing us to perform the tower work. This release would make AARA responsible for anything that could happen. Because of this release being presented

AARA OFFICERS 2016 - 2017

President - Mark Saltzman W5GTI
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Vice Pres. - Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD

Secretary - Ramona Jobe KG5HNO

Treasurer - Tom Dischler W5OHJ

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Derek Meche WM5TS

Dave Redfern N4ELM

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP

to the club, the climber would be required to sign this release as well. The club decided that the possibility of any claim would far outweigh the benefits of retrieving this tower. The motion was made to abandon the tower project by Jess KF5LUL and seconded by Kathy Daigle KD5TJZ. The motion was approved.

New Business:

Skywarn repeater is going through updates. It is receiving Echolink and Allstar capabilities

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Galen KF5BET and seconded by Bob Cooley K5IVR. Motion was approved.

Door prizes were drawn.
Attendance = 40



AARA March Board Meeting Minutes

11 MARCH 2016

Ramona KG5HNO

A board meeting was called by Mark W5GTI, to clarify details of Hamfest operations prior to opening. Proceed collection and accounting during the hamfest, along with bank deposit procedures were discussed. Archie W5AG provided printouts of the budget for previous years and our current one. Tom W5OHJ, will develop the budget proposals for our budget this year. During the board meeting, Archie W5AG notified the board that he is resigning as Treasurer for 2016-2017, due to upcoming health and family issues. The board asked if he would be willing to continue as a board member and he agreed to do so. The board nominated Tom W5OHJ, who is already an elected board member, to assume the responsibilities of Treasurer. Tom's nomination will be presented to the club at the hamfest banquet along with nominations from the floor, for club vote, effectively having Archie W5AG and Tom W5OHJ switch responsibilities with respect to the board and the club. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

AARA Hamfest Banquet Minutes

19 MARCH 2016

Ramona KG5HNO

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mark W5GTI. The nomination of Tom W5OHJ to assume Treasurer responsibilities was presented to the club. Nominations for Treasurer from the floor were opened, with no nominations presented. A motion to close nominations was made, seconded, then approved. The club voted to elect Tom W5OHJ Treasurer.

New officers were inducted. Most officers and board members remain, with Ms. Ramona Jobe KG5HNO becoming the new Secretary, relieving Ms. Abbi KF5BEW.

Tom W5OHJ gave a Hamfest break down of income and expenses and stated this year appears better than last year. It was also brought to the attention of the club about ticket printing prices for the next Hamfest.

Mark showed an awesome video that he put together from the past year. We had our yearly prize drawing: Winner of the hand-talkie was Paul, N5KNY. Weston, KB5WI, won a DVD of 10 years of the LARC newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 for the dinner.

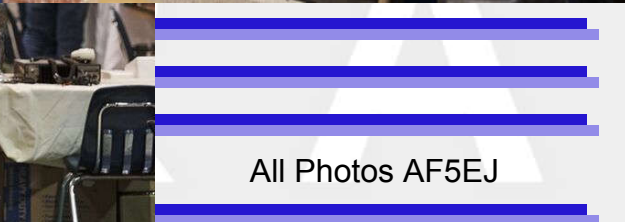
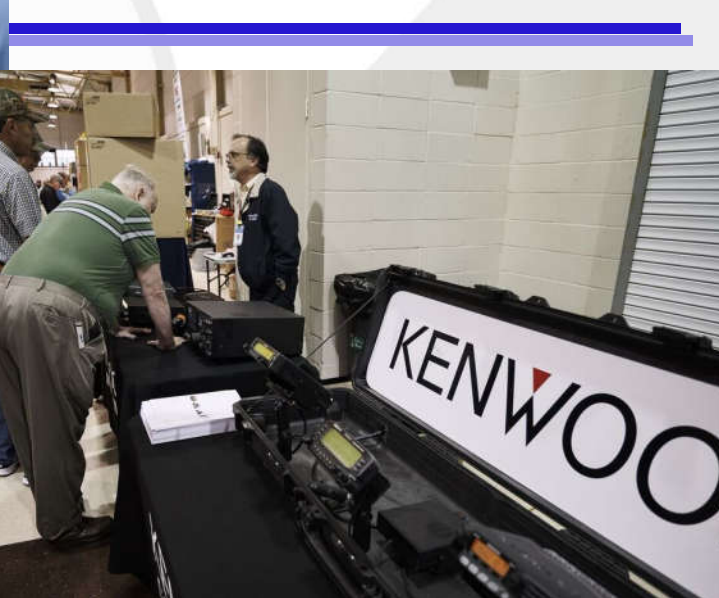
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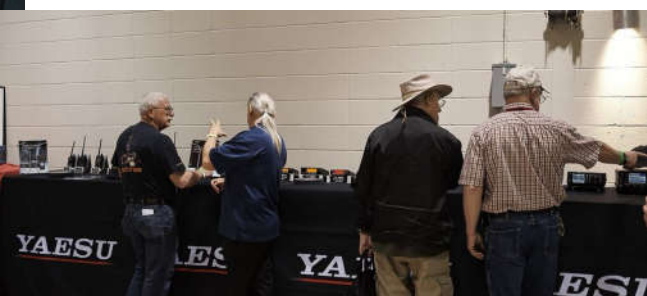
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HAMFEST 2016 HAMFEST 2016 HAMFEST 2016

Local VHF/UHF Nets**Monday**

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
Repeater Rotation—Check Calendar

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

AARA STICKERS

The AARA now has 2" x 3" vinyl stickers featuring the AARA Logo, available for purchase by club members. The stickers are \$2 each (no limit) and are available at each General Club meeting.



National Parks ON THE AIR 2016

National Parks on the Air

Throughout 2016, Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public.

This looks like another year long event. Should be fun!

See the website for rules and information at:

<http://www.arrl.org/npota>

The AARA will participate in the National Parks On The Air with a Special Event. Date and location to be determined. Keep watch for upcoming information in your email and in the

LARC

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VE Test Session

March 12, 2016

Earning TECHNICIAN:

William Ortego - Lafayette KG5MKY
Kaylene Wells - Centerville KG5MKX
Michael Raymond - Morgan City KG5MKW
Joy Cleveland - Eunice KG5MKV
Everett Wild - Lake Charles KG5MKU
Samuel Rock - Morgan City KG5MKT

Earning GENERAL:

Jamey Kaough KE5DYF - Lake Charles
James Bourgeois KG5GTB - Breaux Bridge
Christopher Ancelet KG5MCY - Egan

VE's:

Greg K5LFT, Kirby KI5EE, Ray N5LRZ, Greg AD5HA, Terry W5TMP, Ric KF5KEL, Mitch KB5TWL, Avery KD4GBA, and Galen KF5BET

73, de GREG K5LFT

**FCC AMATEUR RADIO
LICENSE TESTING**

**VE Test sessions are held
the 1st Thursday of every
month at 6PM, before the
AARA General Club meeting, at
the Red Cross building on
101 N. Pat St. Scott, LA**

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 9 1600Z-2300Z
NI6IW USS Midway CV-41
14.305 7.250

April 9-10 1419Z-1419Z
K1M 40M

April 17-April 25 0001Z-2359Z
N4AW 14.225 7.175

April 23 1000Z-1800Z
Ohio ARES NVIS Antenna Day
40M 80M

April 23 1300Z-2000Z
W1BSA 14.259 7.259

MARCH 2016 ACADIANA AREA VHF/UHF NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	89	0	158	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	5	91	0	174	KN5GRK Herman
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	5	53	0	86	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Net	5	70	0	140	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

AARA Monday Night Net Repeater Rotation

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
APRIL 4	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5
APRIL 11	7:00 PM	145.410 W5DDL/R	None
APRIL 18	7:00 PM	145.370 KF5VH	***
APRIL 25	7:00 PM	443.000 W5DDL	103.5

*** When using the 145.370 SkyWarn Repeater System, be sure to use the PL Tone for your area as follows:

Lafayette 103.5 - NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The April 2016 schedule can be viewed, downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/calendar.pdf>

The top 10 check-ins for 2016 will have their callsign entered into a drawing for a new Dual Band HT.



4/1	MARK	W5GTI
4/6	ARNOLD	KE5JXC
4/7	MICHAEL	KB1NRO
4/8	GALEN	KF5BET
4/11	WILLIAM	N9QO
4/13	JAMES	KF5AHM
4/13	DAVE	N4ELM
4/15	BOB	KG5AYK
4/16	MIKE	N5DAL
4/16	RIC	KF5KEL
4/18	ALBERT	KF5WP
4/21	ABBI	KF5BEW
4/22	JARED	KF5SEQ

Research is what I 'm doing when I don't know what I 'm doing.

- Wernher von Braun

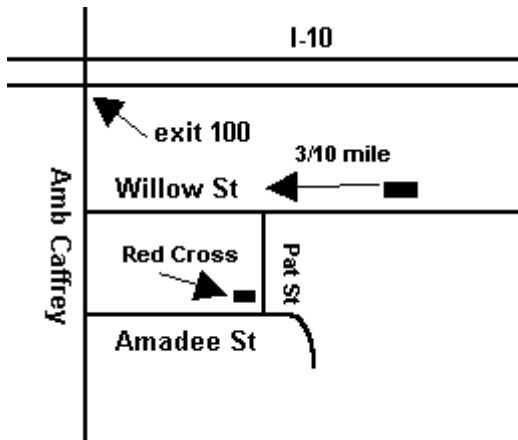
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COMPLIMENTARY
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Chicken Parmigiana

Allrecipes.com

Ingredients:

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 Egg, beaten | 2 Ounces shredded Mozzarella Cheese |
| 2 Ounces dry bread crumbs | |
| 2 Boneless skinless chicken breast halves | 1/4 Cup grated Parmesan Cheese |
| | 16 Ounces spaghetti sauce |

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a medium baking sheet.
2. Pour egg into a small shallow bowl. Place bread crumbs in a separate shallow bowl. Dip chicken into egg, then into the bread crumbs. Place coated chicken on the prepared baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 40 minutes, or until no longer pink and juices run clear.
3. Pour 1/2 of the spaghetti sauce into a 7x11 inch baking dish. Place chicken over sauce, and cover with remaining sauce. Sprinkle mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses on top and return to the preheated oven for 20 minutes.

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

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